

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am signing Senate Bill 1133, but reducing the amount provided to the State Department of Education as noted below.

The school community and I were able to work together to reach an amicable resolution to discharge the minimum state education funding requirement of Section 8 of Article XVI of the California Constitution and Chapter 213, Statutes of 2004 for the 2004-05 and 2005-06 fiscal years. I want to thank all the parties that came to the table and worked hard to accomplish this common goal.

While I agree that the State Department of Education will require resources to implement this program and perform the required evaluation, most of the activities required by this legislation will not be undertaken until the first year of program implementation in 2007-08. Further, in some instances, there are activities that will only occur at the beginning of the fifth year of program implementation and only if a school fails to meet the requirements specified in the bill.

For these reasons, I am reducing the augmentation for the State Department of Education from \$1,117,000 to \$350,000 and the number of authorized positions from 9.0 to 3.0 positions. I fully anticipate that the Department of Education will submit a request for additional funding to implement the program commencing with the 2007-08 fiscal year, which will be evaluated on a workload basis.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger